



**SPEECH BY MR GOH GEOK KHIM, CHAIRMAN, TEMASEK FOUNDATION AT THE LAUNCH OF THE TEMASEK FOUNDATION – NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE URBAN TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME IN INDONESIA, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COORDINATING MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INDONESIA
4 AUGUST 2016 IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA**

Your Excellency Bapak Darmin Nasution, Minister, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Indonesia,

Your Excellency Mr Anil Kumar Nayar, Singapore Ambassador to Indonesia,

Honourable Members of the NUS Presidents' Advancement Advisory Council,

Dr Robert de Souza, Executive Director, The Logistics Institute – Asia Pacific, National University of Singapore,

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Selamat Siang - A very good afternoon to all of you!

I am pleased to join all of you today to witness the launch of this Urban Logistics and Land Transportation Management programme. Temasek Foundation is honoured to partner the Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Indonesia, and the National University of Singapore in this initiative.

2 Rapid urbanisation is taking place across many cities and provinces in Asia. While urbanisation brings many benefits, there are also challenges and issues such as housing, transportation and water management. Many local governments understand this. They have prioritised long-term urban planning and management to ensure their cities remain sustainable, not just in the capital cities, but also in the provincial regions.

3 Because of these challenges, Temasek Foundation has placed more emphasis in supporting programmes that build capabilities in urban management. An example is this training programme that Temasek Foundation is supporting with a grant of about US\$276,800 (S\$371,175) to facilitate cross-learning and knowledge exchange in urban logistics and land transportation.

4 This programme will provide ample opportunities for leaders and specialists from Indonesia and Singapore to connect, discuss, and learn from each other on the complexities of urban transport management. The programme will have a good balance of theory and hands-on application. At the end of the programme, we hope that the participants will identify useful learning points to apply to their policy planning, strategies and frameworks for a dynamic and competitive urban transport system in Indonesia.

5 Temasek Foundation is not an expert in urban management, or building and construction. We see our role as a matchmaker and a catalyst. We seek to bring people and resources together to share and learn together as neighbours and friends in Asia. Our programmes support development in Asia through capability-building programmes in health care, education, urban management, public administration, and disaster-response; and promote networks of cooperation.

6 Communities in Asia have a shared history and a shared heritage, and Temasek Foundation hopes to build a shared future in Asia together, by learning from each other and working together.

7 Over the past 9 years, we have established many strong partnerships with a total of 41 programmes in Indonesia to-date. During my trips, I have personally visited vocational institutions, universities, and hospitals. I have even visited rice fields in Sukamandi for a partnership programme with the Ministry of Agriculture. Everywhere I go, I have witnessed the commitment and dedication of leaders and participants in applying their knowledge and skills to benefit the community. We have indeed seen many successful outcomes over the years.

8 My deepest appreciation goes to the Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Indonesia, and the National University of Singapore for our partnership. The commitment and dedication of all the leaders and participants will ensure that the programme will be a success. Thank you too to all the leaders present, especially Honourable Minister Darmin Nasution, and Ambassador Anil. Thank you for taking time off your busy schedules to be here today - your presence has been a tremendous support for all the participants.

9 Thank you.